



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

Welcome to this month's edition of the [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [May Board Brief](#). As we dive into the latest updates and reflections, it's hard to believe how quickly the school year is drawing to a close. With summer just around the corner, we're excited to share our accomplishments, upcoming events, and important information to help everyone finish the year strong. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students' success! Should you have any questions regarding the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.



Kingsway Pays Tribute to Veterans at 29th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Kingsway High School hosted its **29th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony**, welcoming numerous veterans. School officials, students, and faculty gathered to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those currently serving in uniform. Keynote speaker **Lieutenant Matt Lesyk** (KRHS 2014) of the U.S. Coast Guard delivered impactful remarks, connecting with the audience as a former student who once walked the same halls and played on the same fields. Lieutenant Lesyk is presently the Officer in Charge of Law Enforcement Detachment 404 at TACLET South in Miami, Florida. To watch the short tribute video, click [HERE](#). To watch the entire program, click, [click HERE](#).

Honoring Spotlight Students for May

We were pleased to honor the following students during this month's Board of Education meeting. To view the photos, click [HERE](#).

- **Middle School Students** (Team) – Nyiah Haynes (K), Christian Morton (I), Kimora Cole-Smith (N), Aleena Chughtai (G), Talia Burton (S), Julianna Chila (W), Andrew Lloyd & Chloe O'Donnell (A), Caleb Ackley (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Jayden Fox (9), Jacob Trainer (10), Gabrielle Cato (11), Kendall Cramer (12)

Seniors of the Month for May & June

Congratulations to our Seniors of the Month, **Ka'Nya Nelson, Ava Paoletti, Emily Barber & Julia Kocis**

Seniors Recognized at GloCo. Academic Excellence Banquet

Five outstanding seniors were selected to represent Kingsway at the Annual Gloucester County Academic Excellence Banquet, where they were honored for their exceptional academic



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achievements.

- **Aryan Bhagat** will study Biology Pre-Med at the University of Michigan.
- **Maya MacAdams** will study Cognitive Science Pre-Med at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.
- **Anjali Nair** will study Neuroscience Pre-Med at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.
- **Thomas Ninan** will study Electrical Engineering at Princeton University.
- **Milani Parikh** will study Biology/Public Health Pre-Med at Saint Joseph's University.

Kingsway Honors Record Number of College-Bound Student Athletes

On Wednesday, May 29th, over 60 high school seniors gathered in the South Gym to sign letters of commitment to continue their athletic careers in college. Proud parents watched as each student was announced by name, sport, and college. This record number of student-athletes highlights the strength of Kingsway's academic and athletic programs.

Kingsway Celebrates Spotlight Teachers

Kingsway celebrated Middle School Science Teacher **Meghan Mattson**

Attention Seniors! Scholarships Now Available

The [GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#) is open to Seniors who plan to further their education, career, profession, or occupation. Up to \$5,000 in scholarships are available for academic achievement, contribution to school or community, postsecondary plans, and financial needs. Please visit the [Kingsway Scholarship Newsletter](#) to learn about the many scholarships available. Below are some highlighted scholarships.

Kingsway Names Delaney as New Head Girls Basketball Coach

The Kingsway Regional School District is thrilled to announce Jeanine Delaney's appointment as the new Head Girls' Basketball Coach where she was appointed at the May 23rd Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Dr. James J. Lavender unveiled this exciting development on Friday. Read the press release [HERE](#).

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's [2023-24 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- May 30 – Navy JROTC Awards Ceremony
- May 31 – Senior Prom
- June 3-13 – NWEA Map Testing
- June 4 – HS Yearbook Distribution
- June 7 – College Decision Day
- June 6-7 – 7th Trip to Philadelphia
- June 11 – 8th Grade Celebration Cruise Spirit of Philadelphia
- June 12-14 – Early Dismissal for Students
- June 12 – Senior Awards Ceremony
- June 13 – Senior Sunset
- June 14 – Class of 2024 Graduation / Last Student Day

You May Have Missed....



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- [**Kingsway Welcomes Class of 2030**](#)
School officials were excited to welcome our incoming 7th graders and their parents at this year's 7th Grade Orientation. Click the [Middle School Highlight Real](#) to see the wonderful school that awaits next year's class. Parents can still purchase Class of 2030 t-shirts by clicking the [link](#).
- [**Kingsway Alumna Regan Healey Steps Up to Lead Girls' Volleyball Program as Head Coach**](#)
Kingsway Regional School District is thrilled to announce that Regan Healey has been appointed as the new Head Girls' Volleyball Coach.
- [**Former Dragon Randazzo to Deliver Drexel's School of Engineering Commencement Speech**](#)
Former Dragon ***Cosmo Randazzo***, a proud member of Kingsway's Class of 2019, has been selected as the student speaker for Drexel University's School of Engineering Commencement Ceremony next month. Her journey is a testament to resilience, perseverance, and personal growth.
- [**Celebrate Students' Academic Honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs**](#)
We are excited to highlight our students' exceptional achievements and the significance of these honors in showcasing their academic prowess. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and the recognition they have received.
- [**Kingsway Introduces Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Playbook**](#)
This comprehensive playbook offers invaluable guidance and a wealth of resources to enhance our collective AI Literacy, empowering us to support student learning better and streamline educator workflows.
- [**Kingsway's COVID Policy Aligned with CDC Updates**](#)
The updated [COVID-19 Policy](#) aligns with the CDC's guidance, ending the five-day isolation period for individuals who test positive for the virus.
- [**School Calendar Revision**](#)
The [2023-24 School Calendar](#) has been updated to reflect calendar changes due to snow closings.
- [**Kingsway's Armed Service Veterans Honored with Quilts of Valor**](#)
- [**Kingsway's Navy JROTC Promotional Video**](#)
- [**Kingsway Ranked Among Best High Schools in South Jersey**](#)
Kingsway is the highest-ranked high school in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May Counties (U.S. News & World Report).
- [**Kingsway is Named to the College Board's AP District Honor Roll**](#)
With more than twenty Advanced Placement (AP) offerings.
- [**Kingsway Partners with Care Solace Removing Barriers to Mental Health Access**](#)
Kingsway recently announced a partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment to removing barriers to access to mental health services.
- [**Kingsway Welcomed 3,000 Students to Start the 2023-24 School Year**](#)
School Officials were happy to announce that our students returned to school on September 7th.



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Thank you for your attention to this announcement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools



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